

## C. CROSS POLLOCK STREET TRENCH

From datum point 3 at the end of the Pollock Street trench, street improvements were redirected northward across Pollock Street. This trench was 32 feet long and 5.25 feet wide. Exposed in the profile were the metal tracks (Figure 61) laid down by the New Bern-Ghent Street Railway Company in 1914 and discontinued in the 1930s (Peter Sandbeck, personal communication 1997). Other twentieth-century disturbance included the main sewer and water lines (Figure 62). As stated in the previous section, Feature 9 was found to continue into the trench across Pollock Street.

The extensive amount of soil disturbance restricted the amount of information that could be retrieved from the trench across Pollock Street. With the exception of Feature 9, cultural features, excluding utility trenches and streetcar tracks, were difficult to distinguish within the multiple backfill episodes associated with the road and utilities.

A section of the east profile between 8 and 14 feet north of datum point 3 was mapped and photographed (Figures 63 & 64). Six deposition zones were recorded below the brick pavement (Table 23). Two of these zones (3 and 5) appeared to be storm-deposited sand. Zones 5 and 6 were a continuation of those previously observed in the Pollock Street trench; however, the ½-foot thick mottled zone, the possible raised garden bed recorded on each side of Feature 8, was not present in this profile.

Table 23. East profile of the trench across Pollock Street between 8 feet and 14 feet north of datum point 3.		
zone	feet below surface	description
asphalt	0-0.4	road pavement
brick	0.4-0.7	road pavement
sand	0.7-1.0	builder's sand underlying brick pavers
1	1.0-1.3	very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/1) sandy loam with crushed shell
2	1.3-1.5	reddish brown (5YR 4/4) sandy loam with brick fragments
3	1.5-1.7	light brownish gray (10YR 6/2) sand marbled with very pale brown (10YR 7/3) sand
4	1.7-1.8	dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) mottled with dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) and light brownish gray (10YR 6/2) silty sand
5	1.8-2.0	grayish brown (10YR 5/2) mottled with light grayish brown (10YR 6/2) silty sand
6	below 2.0	compacted very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) sand

**Figure 61. Cross Pollock Street Trench, view northwest (photo by John Green, on file at the Tryon Palace Commission House, New Bern).**



**Figure 62.**

**Cross Pollock Street Trench showing utility trench disturbance and catch basin, Tryon Palace Visitor's Center in the background.**



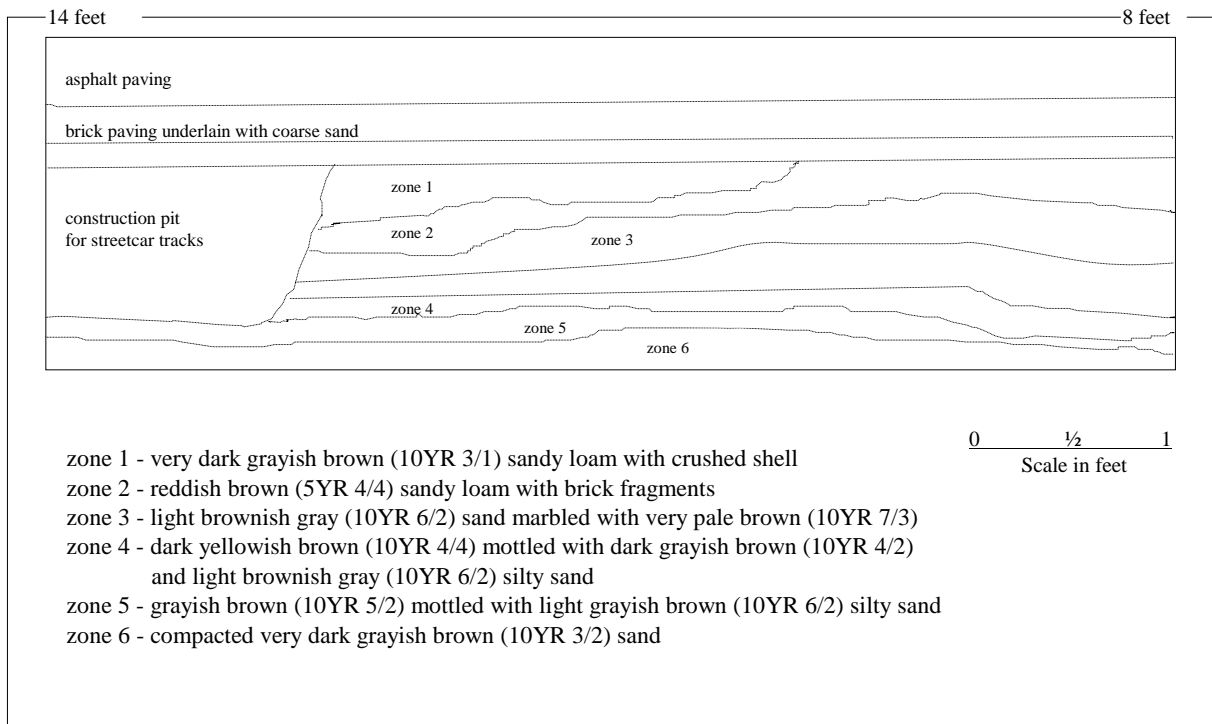
**Figure 63.**

**East profile of the Cross Pollock Street Trench.**



The west profile was mapped between six and 16 feet north of datum point 3 (Table 24; Figures 65 & 66). The two storm-deposited sand zones (3 and 5) seen in the east profile were also recorded in the west profile. Feature 9, again, appears in profile as a depression into zone 6, the hard-packed very dark grayish brown sand. The distance measured between the approximate center point of Feature 9, as it appears in the east and west profiles, is five feet.

The recovery of cultural material consisted of hand-painted pearlware from zone 4 (Provenience XPT 1) and brown salt-glazed stoneware from zone 5 (Provenience XPT 2). The significance and interpretative value of these two artifacts is restrictive.



**Figure 64. East profile of the Cross Pollock Street Trench between 8 feet and 14 feet north of datum point 3.**

Table 24. West profile of the Cross Pollock Street Trench between 6 feet and 16 feet north of datum point 3.		
zone	feet below surface	description
asphalt	0-0.4	road pavement
brick	0.4-0.7	road pavement
sand	0.7-0.8	builder's sand underlying brick pavers
1	0.8-1.3	very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/1) sandy loam with crushed shell
2	1.3-1.7	reddish brown (5YR 4/4) sandy loam with brick fragments
3	1.7-2.0	light brownish gray (10YR 6/2) sand marbled with very pale brown (10YR 7/3) sand
4	2.0-2.25	dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) mottled with dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) and light brownish gray (10YR 6/2) silty sand
5	2.25-2.5	grayish brown (10YR 5/2) mottled with light brownish gray (10YR 6/2) silty sand
6	below 2.5	compacted very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) sand

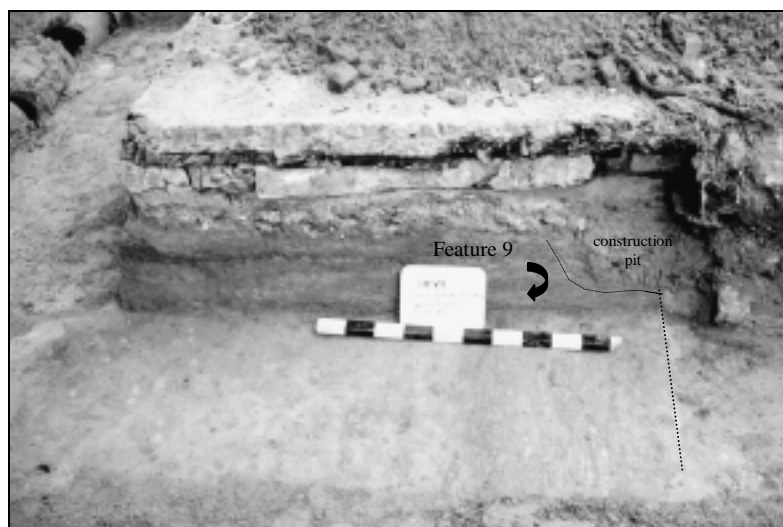


Figure 65. West profile of the Cross Pollock Street Trench.

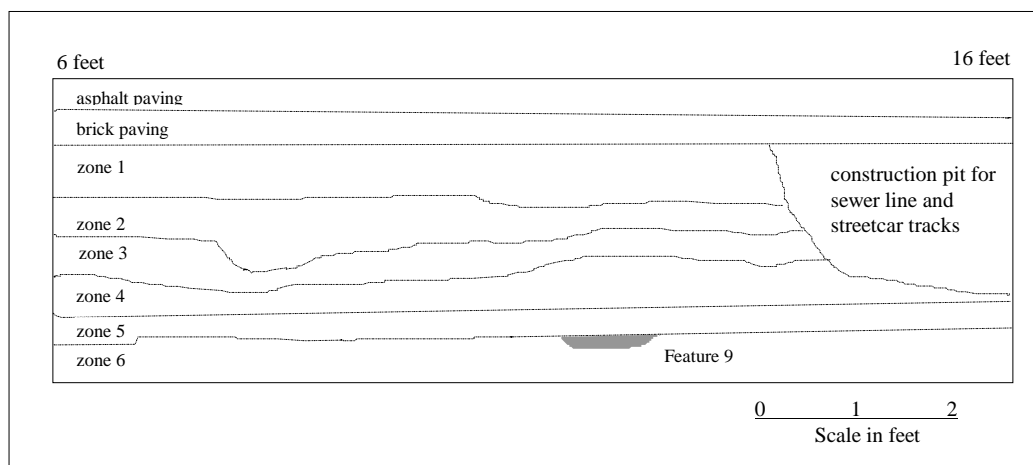


Figure 66. West profile of the Cross Pollock Street Trench between 6 feet and 16 feet north of datum point 3.